

Refuge for Women

A HEARTBREAKING REALITY



Thousands of women are suffering in silence, lost and forgotten by our society. They wake up every morning with no way out, forced into the horror of sex trafficking by violence, threats, substance abuse, manipulation, and homelessness.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.
IT'S TIME TO INTERVENE.

The United States is the *#1 consumer of sex worldwide.*

It is estimated that 199,000 incidents of sexual exploitation and trafficking occur *each year.*

2/3 of victims are US citizens.

The National Human Trafficking Hotline fields *150 calls each day.*

That's why Refuge for Women exists and *YOUR* partnership is vital today.

Together, we will rescue women from sexual exploitation, give them real hope that translates into a new life, and teach them how to build a brighter future beyond their past!



VERÓNICA'S STORY

My birthday party yesterday was so fun. I had just one candle on my cake. We celebrated it as my first birthday as the "new me".

Each instance of human trafficking takes a common toll; each crime is an affront to the basic ideals of human dignity, inflicting grievous harm on individuals, as well as on their families and communities.

- Official Statement, U.S. Department of Justice

BY THE NUMBERS

The sex industry is a **\$100 BILLION** business worldwide.

75%

of those involved with prostitution were sexually and/or physically abused as children.

100%

of our residents and/or applicants have experienced homelessness.



1/3

of runaways are approached by pimps who prey on their vulnerability.

80%

of rescued victims will return to the sex trade when no long-term care is available.

Human trafficking victims experience trauma, PTSD, anxiety, drug or alcohol addiction, and/or suicidal thoughts. They desperately need help, and today you can reach out to victimized women like Liv with compassion, care, and hope.



LIV'S STORY

There are days that are still hard, but the difference is I don't have to do the hard things all on my own. I am so grateful for that... and having the chance to be in a safe place to heal means somebody thought I was worth it, even when I dared not believe I was.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10:10

The harsh reality of human trafficking and sexual exploitation is gaining more public attention. In response, we're seeing a great increase in the number of women who want to break free and start over. But freeing someone from sexual exploitation is just the first step. Because when a woman is rescued from a trafficker, she's often left with a broken heart, mind, and body.

You can help come alongside these women to pick up the pieces, providing critical aftercare, hope, and healing.

The Vision

Every woman who is sexually exploited will have the hope, support, and tools needed to pursue her dreams and live a life of freedom.

The Mission

Our mission is to empower sexually exploited women to live a life of freedom through faith-based, residential healing programs.

The Solution

Using a **unique, multisite model**, we help remove women from dangerous situations and offer up to 24 months of free safe housing with 24/7 staffing. Each compassionate staff member is trained to help individual victims heal from their trauma, reclaim their identity, and reach their personal goals.

Together with generous friends like you, we're helping one woman at a time complete our program with a vision for her future, equipped to lead a successful life marked with dignity and hope.

Refuge for Women has more than 10 years of experience providing places of escape and safety for sexually exploited women in multiple cities across the country. Each resident is given the opportunity to experience healing through an evidence-based program created just for them.



JADA'S STORY

Refuge for Women showed me what I am capable of. Upon arriving here, I really truly believed that the only thing I was capable of was sex work. It's all I had done, all I had seen, all I had been used for, and the only thing I'd ever actually been 'successful' at. But I found that once my sense of value changed, so did my realm of possibilities. Refuge gave me permission to dream again. The Lord reignited a fire inside of me that had long been extinguished by shame and degradation.

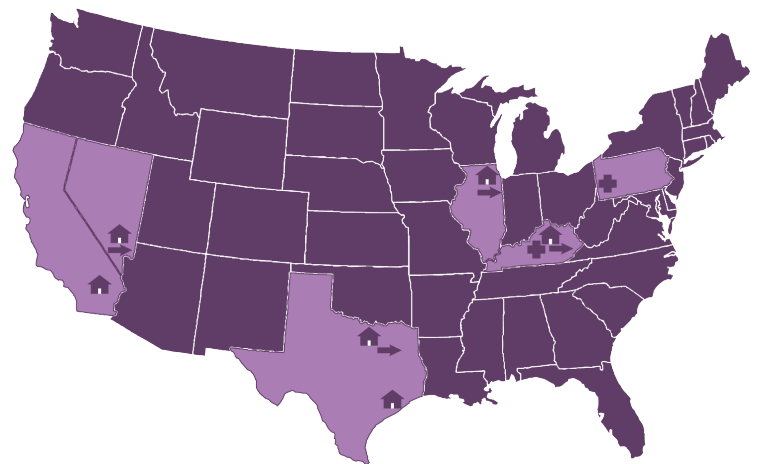


Your investment today can help increase these services and make them available to even more women in need, as you help Refuge for Women become the nation's leader in caring for victims of sex trafficking and exploitation.

THE IMPACT SO FAR

Refuge for Women currently provides rescue and care for women escaping sex trafficking, and the impact being made is continually increasing:

- Over 300 women served
- 70% of graduates have not returned to the sex industry
- 3,289 hours of counseling and therapy
- 1,224 medical appointments



*Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.
Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.*

Psalm 82:3-4



KENTUCKY NEEDS YOU

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Refuge for Women is recognized as the nation's leading aftercare provider serving victims of trafficking. Our multisite model enables those who share our vision to join forces, strengthening our collective influence and maximizing resources for greater impact.

We were founded to meet the increasing need; a safe place for women to break free from sexual trafficking and exploitation, to find healing and begin again. The long term program has been a part of the solution since 2009 in the Lexington area, helping women do a deep dive into healing from the exploitation and trafficking they have experienced. Due to the needed room to grow the Long-Term program, along with the addition of the Transitional Living program, we will be constructing a 24-unit housing complex and community center which will become the new home to those residents in the Lexington area.

Additionally, Refuge for Women has been faithfully serving women in the first emergency house that was opened just over two years ago in the Lexington area. Many hands and feet have planted and watered, BUT GOD is giving the increase! He is calling for more safe nights in Kentucky for women to stabilize! To follow his vision, an expansion of our Emergency Housing program will begin in 2022 with a second location opening in the Louisville area. This second emergency home will provide an additional 5,840 safe nights for women resulting in double the amount of women served annually and generations of lives changed.

We will continue to grow and expand Survivor Made, a social enterprise by Refuge for Women, which continues to create jobs and income for our residents as well as the community for their continued growth and healing.

SURVIVOR
made

WHAT IT WILL TAKE

Our greatest resource is YOU. Refuge for Women realizes that you have been and will continue to be critical to keeping our programs going and restoring hope to victims of sexual trafficking.

The total need for this comprehensive campaign is \$5,400,000.

If you have a heart for rescuing and restoring women who have suffered from sex trafficking, please consider participating in this life-transforming opportunity.

You will not only see the impact of your contribution, you will also feel the satisfaction of knowing that your generosity will affect generations.



STACY'S STORY

I have overcome tremendous milestones in regard to healing here and have overcome huge barriers that I thought I never had the possibility of achieving. Having a safe place to heal has made a world of difference in my process of recovery. My night terrors are completely gone, my flashbacks do not control nor overtake me any longer, and my past no longer haunts me... which are all miracles I never even thought were a possibility.

YOU CAN RESCUE MORE WOMEN LIKE STACY

Women like Stacy never could have found safety, healing, and hope were it not for generous friends like you who help make Refuge for Women possible. And today, YOU can take a stand for more women like her. You can confront sex trafficking head-on and fight for the lives of exploited, hurting women who cannot fight for themselves.

It's an investment in God's Kingdom as you help rescue and restore the lives of these precious women He created and loves immeasurably.

PLEASE CAREFULLY CONSIDER WHAT YOU CAN DO TO BE A PART OF THIS LIFESAVING MISSION.

GIFT AMOUNT	DONORS NEEDED	SUBTOTAL
\$1,000,000	1	\$1,000,000
\$500,000	2	\$1,000,000
\$100,000	8	\$800,000
\$50,000	14	\$700,000
\$25,000	26	\$650,000
\$10,000	50	\$500,000
\$5,000	100	\$500,000
\$1,000	150	\$150,000
\$500	200	\$100,000
TOTAL: \$5,400,000*		

*This amount includes construction dollars for the second emergency housing project build, construction dollars for the 24-unit housing project, operating dollars for all Kentucky housing and repair and maintenance fund.

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They urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people...Since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2 Corinthians 8:4, 7